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KINSHASA A13 REPORTED AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF  
AN ARTICLE CARRIED IN THE DAILY ELIMA WHICH STATED

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SUBSTANTIALLY THAT THE POLICE WERE CRACKING DOWN ON

THE BANDITRY AND VIOLENCE IN KINSHASA AND THAT  
TWENTY-SEVEN OF THE BANDITS WERE IN JAIL. ON FEB. 11,  
1976, EIGHTEEN OF THE BANDITS ESCAPED FROM THE JAIL.  
THE EIGHTEEN ESCAPEES MAY BE IN PART RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE CURRENT CRIME WAVE IN THE AMERICAN AND  
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF  
SIX INCIDENTS WITHIN THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

(1) ON FEB. 15, 1976, FOUR BANDITS ATTEMPTED TO ROB  
MR. JACK WILLIAMS, AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE, ON THE STREET  
IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY. MR. WILLIAMS AVOIDED A  
BLOW TO THE HEAD WITH A SCREW-DRIVER TYPE INSTRUMENT.  
THE NOISE OF THE INCIDENT WAS HEARD BY A MARINE  
SECURITY GUARD WHO CAME TO MR. WILLIAMS' ASSISTANCE.  
THE MSG AND MR. WILLIAMS SUBSEQUENTLY ROUTED THE  
BANDITS.

(2) ON FEB. 28, 1976, FOUR BANDITS ROBBED MR. JOHN  
ROBERTS, VOA, AND MR. BRIAN JEFFERIES, ASSOCIATED  
PRESS, AT GUNPOINT OF APPROXIMATELY \$300.00 IN MONIES,  
AN OMEGA WATCH VALUED AT \$400.00 AND A PAIR OF SHOES  
VALUED AT \$10.00.

(3) ON FEB. 29, 1976, FOUR BANDITS ATTEMPTED TO ROB  
MR. RICHARD F. SMITH, TWA TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE.  
HOWEVER, MR. SMITH RAN TO THE SAFETY OF THE  
EMBASSY GUEST HOUSE WHERE SENTINELS ARE POSTED.  
NO WEAPONS WERE VISIBLE.

(4) ON FEB. 29, 1976 FOUR BANDITS ATTEMPTED TO ROB  
THE WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF GERALD WEAVER, THE BUSINESS  
MANAGER FOR THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN KINSHASA. THE TWO  
WOMEN AND SENTINELS OF THE SCHOOL ROUTED THE BANDITS.  
NO WEAPONS WERE VISIBLE.

(5) ON FEB. 29, 1976 FOUR BANDITS ROBBED MR. RICHARD  
HALL, TWA TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE, AT KNIFE-  
POINT OF \$500.00 IN TRAVELLERS CHECKS, \$70.00 IN  
U.S. CURRENCY AND PERSONAL PAPERS.

(6) ON MARCH 2, 1976, THREE BANDITS ROBBED  
MR. ROBERT COOPER, A PAN AMERICAN CONTRACT PILOT  
WITH AIR ZAIRE. DURING THE INCIDENT MR. COOPER  
WAS STABBED IN THE ARM WITH AN ICE PICK TYPE WEAPON.  
THE AMOUNT OF VALUABLES MISSING HAS NOT BEEN  
DETERMINED.

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THE EMBASSY HAS WRITTEN ANOTHER STRONG DIPLOMATIC  
NOTE AND WILL EXERCISE EVERY DIPLOMATIC AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCE TO REMOVE PRESENT DANGER  
TO PERSONNEL.  
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